

Hongkong Telegraph

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman,
Chau Kit Shau, Esq.,
H. Stollert, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

Subscribed Capital.....\$2,000,000
Capital Paid-up.....\$250,000

BANKERS:—

CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—

No. 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:—

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:—

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager, Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [120]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,125,000

BANKERS:—

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT

ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

Hotels.

PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well appointed
HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet
above sea level, having been leased by the
Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL," is
NOW OPEN and will be run in conjunction with
their HOTEL in Queen's Road, thus enabling
them to offer special inducements to Visitors and
Residents.

SPECIAL WINTER RATES:

FROM NOVEMBER 1ST, 1893, TO MARCH 31ST,
1894.

One person, per day.....\$ 3.00
One person, per week.....19.00
One person, one month.....55.00

Married couple (occupying one room) per
day.....5.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per
week.....32.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per
month.....95.00

For full particulars apply to
VICTORIA HOTEL.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1893. [25]

FUJIYA HOTEL,

MIYANOSHITA, HAKONE.

Four and a half hours from Yokohama.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.
NATURAL HOT SPRINGS.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IN ALL THE
BUILDINGS.

TWO ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLES.

EXCELLENT CUISINE.

SPECIAL RATES MADE FOR A
PROLONGED STAY.

S. N. YAMAGUCHI,
Proprietor.

24] THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undergrated has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
First-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 12 P.M., or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES;
per Menu or Order—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person.....\$35.00
Tiffin.....15.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS, always
on hand and served in every style.

Breakfast.....\$0.50
Tiffin.....\$0.75
Dinner.....\$1.00

SPECIAL TIFINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [31]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES

OF this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other rela-
tives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN

THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments—he will
be entitled to receive, on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE

INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undergrated are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,

LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000; \$835,333.33.

RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.,
MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [97]

To be Let.

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES:—

"BAHAR LODGE," at the Peak,
"HIGHLANDERS," at Magazine Gap,
No. 8, CHANCERY LANE,
No. 2, RIFON TERRACE,
FLOORS in Also Buildings,
FLOORS in Elgin Street, Peel Street
and Stauden Street.

FLOORS in No. 1, Shelley Street,
Nos. 2 and 3, VICTORIA VIEW, Kow-
loon.

No. 4, KNUITSFORD TERRACE,
Kowloon.

OFFICES:—
FIRST FLOOR No. 4, Queen's Road
Central, over the Bank of China,
Japan and the Straits, Ltd.,
FRAYA CENTRAL, over Messrs. Dou-
glas Laing & Co's.

GODOWNS:—
BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1894. [13]

TO BE LET.

No. 1, WILD DELL BUILDINGS

(Previously of Unfurnished). Five Good
Rooms situated in the best part of the building.

Apply to
HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. [329]

TO LET.

NOS. 1 & 2, REYMOUR TERRACE.

OFFICES in Victoria Buildings.

The GROUND FLOOR of the Premises
now in course of erection at the corner of Ice
House Street and Queen's Road Central, suitable
for OFFICES or SHOPS. The Floor can be
divided into separate suites of Offices, if nec-
essary, to suit intending Tenants.

A LARGE and DRY GODOWN suitable for
the Storage of Iron, Cotton, &c., of about
2,000 Tons (gross) capacity, also to be let under
the above Premises.

OFFICE in No. 6, Praya Central.

DAVID SASSOON & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1894. [32]

Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting
throughout
the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—
"CENTRAL,"
SHANGHAI.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY, PROPRIETOR.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
69, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [47]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

SHIPS' STORES.

WINES, SPIRITS, STOUT, ALE, LIQUEURS.

TEACHER'S "HIGHLAND CREAM" WHISKY.

ADET SEWARD & Co.'s BORDEAUX WINES.

SACCORIES SHERRIES.

HENRY THOMSON & Co.'s JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKIES.

COATES' PLYMOUTH GIN.

HOBOKEN DE BIE & Co.'s HOLLANDS.

VERMOUTH, RUM, GINGER WINE, CHERRY BRANDY.

CIGARS and TOBACCOS.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1894. [39]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlo"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine be-
ing under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager. [229]

W. BREWER.

LARGE SELECTION OF NEW TENNIS RATS, INCLUDING:—

THE DEMON—Special Champion.
Champion Tennis Balls and Match Balls.
Tennis Shoes, Nets and Poles.

Bell's Story of the Heavens.
Bell's In the High Heavens.
Gore's—The Visible Universe.
Mason's—The Principles of Chess.

Hypnotism and the New Witchcraft.
Cassell's—Schools and Masters of Fecce.
Denny's—Folk Lore of China.

New Queen's Regulations.
Sponer's—Mechanics' Own Book.
Sexton's and Routhwaite's Marine Engineering
Rules and Tables.

Macgregor and Calver's Engineers' Almanack.
Cox's Fountain and Stylographic Pens.
Billiards Simplified.
Goddard's—Chapters in Modern Botany.

Prince D'Oreilles'—Around Tonquin.
Sutton's—Elements of Insect and Mollusc.
Strahan's—Solitude and Insanity.
Squire's—Care and Prevention of Consumption.

Roberts—The Earth's History.
Hake's—Explosives.
Phillips—Metallurgy.

W. BREWER,
[40]

KELLY & WALSH, LD. NOW READY, TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH. PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

DOLLAR AND STERLING EXCHANGE TABLES

FROM 1s. 0d. to 1s. 11d.

FORMING A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGE TABLES.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1894. [6]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE
STRAITS, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the
THIRD INSTALLMENT of CALL,
amounting to FIVE SHILLINGS per Share on the
Ordinary Shares of the Bank, is DUE on the
2nd April, 1894, and is PAYABLE at the Office
of the Bank, No. 4, Queen's Road, either by
demand Draft on London or in Local Currency
equivalent.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1894. [373]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ON and after SATURDAY next, the 24th
instant, until further notice, the WATER
will be TURNED ON each day between the
hours of 6 A.M. and 10 A.M. only.

By Command,
G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1894. [383]

WANTED.

BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PERAK.

FOR SERVICE in the State of Perak
THREE INTERPRETERS, Two on a
salary of \$300 and One on a salary of \$240 per
annum, on the fixed establishment.

The necessary qualifications are:—

I. That the applicant shall possess a good
knowledge of Chinese character, and
ability to translate Chinese, English,
Arabic, and Malay, into accurate
English. (No one who cannot pass
this test need apply.)

II. That he shall be able to Speak and
Write English correctly.

III. That he shall know at least two dialects of
Chinese. For two of the appointments
Cantonese and Khek are essential and
for the other Tichiu.

Taipei, 21st February, 1894. [340]

NOTICE.

WANTED a well educated CANTONESE
CHINAMAN of good address with
influence amongst Steamship and Machinery
Owners in the neighbourhood of Canton; know-
ledge of Engineering an advantage. Good
salary to the right man.

Apply first by letter only to
F. WALKER,
Vacuum Oil Company,
13, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1894. [343]

NOTICE.

THE Undergrated having been appointed
Agents for the
KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART
MAATSCHAPPIJ,

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to
Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast)
Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New
Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through
Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the
Undergrated for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1289]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE
will be RE-OPENED on FRIDAY, the
9th instant, under new and experienced manage-
ment.

THE STRICTEST ATTENTION will be
paid to the CUSTOM.

A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially
selected servants has been engaged and will be
under the immediate supervision of the Manager.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1894. [198]

PRIVATE BOARD

AND
DINING.

12, G. E. BUILDINGS.

Mrs. GILLANDERS.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [34]

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

OBTAINED 54 HIGHEST PRIZES
at the
CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR.

Just landed an invoice of Assorted SEWING
and LEATHER-NEEDLES, SHUTTLES and
FINEST MACHINE OIL.

H. E. BOTTLEWALLA & Co.,
Sole Agents,
2, D'Agular Street.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1894. [54]

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1894. [54]

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Intimations.

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD
FOR
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS
ALSO FOR
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.
In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.



CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

屈臣氏公司

FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

ANALYSTS.

PERFUMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS AND
VENDORS.

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES.

CIGAR DEALERS.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
AND
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
香港大藥房
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.
The Shanghai Pharmacy, 24, Nanking Road, Shanghai.
Botica Ingles, 14, Escolta, Manila.
The Canton Dispensary, Canton.
The Dispensary, Foochow.
The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.
The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.
London Office, 8, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1894.

The Hongkong Dispensary,
HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1894.

CROWN COLONY POLITICS.

The principal impression to be gained by a bird's-eye view of political life in the Crown Colonies of Great Britain—that is, from a point of view above the level of local bias—is that there is no such thing as cohesion among various colonies. Each little community has its own peculiar desires, and each goes its own way to get them, with usually unsuccessful results. The only feature they possess in common is that all of them are more or less human, and all want something they cannot get; but that "something" is never quite the same in any two colonies, nor is there ever among the individual members of any one community a specially marked unanimity of feeling. The Straits Settlements constitute a case in point; there is no end of dissatisfaction there on a variety of subjects, but instead of making a firm stand for autonomy, as the most direct and comprehensive method of exercising free-will in any direction, the Straits people wrangle perpetually over all sorts of details, and of course they "never get no forrarder." Singapore mostly objects to the military extortion, which is even a heavier injustice than in Hongkong, and has actually met with condemnation from the Officials of the Straits; but Penang complains less of the contribution itself than of Penang's own share in it. This disunion is not all the people of the latter island (or rather that section which makes the noise) clamour for separate Government and protest against the way in which Singapore, a junior settlement, is taking the lead more and more. The disunion goes to

even further lengths of petty snarling, for in the recent election of a Penang representative on the Straits Council, bitterness arose between one candidate, Dr. Brown, and another candidate, Mr. HURTHURACH; the voting was nearly level, and there were some very mysterious circumstances which make fearfully tedious reading in the Penang papers. Yet these quarrelsome aviators demanded special commissions to find out which of the two candidates named is really the man wanted! More than that, they attempted to carry the war abroad; and we (probably in common with many others) have received appeals to join in the row. Well, we are "dead off." As far as our knowledge goes, either man will do equally well, and be equally out-voted by the official phalanx. Even if there were no officials, it would not make really much difference whether Dr. Brown or Mr. HURTHURACH should be Penang's representative; the Penangites seem to be like the donkey between the two haystacks—they can't make up their minds between two good things, and while they are debating they starve. Ultimately, however, Dr. Brown was appointed; so now perhaps they will be able to get to work on something worth tackling!

It is much the same in Hongkong: Instead of quietly putting our heads together, we bang them violently. When a Rate-payers' Association was mooted, private jealousies smothered it in embryo. Presumably the special committee appointed at the preliminary meeting (to draw up rules and a statement of objects) is still busy drawing; the report was to be laid before the adjourned meeting, and the date was fixed for last September, but it has never been held yet! Next, Mr. HUMPHREYS in the Sanitary Board drafted a motion which, with a little amendment, could have been made into a very satisfactory platform of local public rights; but instead of supporting and improving it, the rest of the Unofficials at once attacked it on all sorts of frivolous grounds. A beginning must be made somewhere, and so it is useless to go on finding fault with every start that is made. In the Legislative Council we have often had to deplore a lamentable lack of cohesion among the so-called representatives of the people. A case in point was the Po Leung Kuk discussion; Mr. WHITEHEAD was the only opponent of the Incorporation Bill in its original form, and it was on the point of becoming law; but the member for the Chamber of Commerce made a most determined stand, and won the day. But after the Council had, by instruction of the Secretary of State, amended the Bill on one point laid down by Mr. WHITEHEAD, other members of the Council, unofficial as well as official, opened their mouths and evolved a lot of twaddle in disparagement of Mr. WHITEHEAD's efforts, claiming that the amendment was theirs, not his. To this he need not have troubled to reply, but he did. The *Telegraph* did all it could in support of this particular amendment, *inter alia*; but now that the question is settled, what is the use of discussing who it was that did the work? Dr. Ho Kai thinks that he himself did as much as anybody, though he voted for the unamended Bill; well, let him think so—it costs nothing. Discussions of this kind are the wearisome waste of words. What is worth doing is to insist on practical reform in the Constitution of the Colony. For years we have been agitating for retrenchment, and for some alteration of the non-representative system under which Hongkong is governed by almost entirely irresponsible officers. All this agitation never brought a cent's worth of result; but now comes an opportunity for action, and we earnestly appeal to the unofficial members not to lose the chance. They have, so far, been closely united on the retrenchment question, and though a few months ago they seemed powerless to effect anything, the fall of the dollar brought the stubborn officials to their knees, and the Retrenchment Commission has at last been appointed. It is the same old story, constantly repeated ever since politics had an existence—money rules, and if the money bags can be got at in any way, anything can be done; so Kiao Jang signed the MAGNA CHARTA, and so nearly every great reform has been effected, simply by withholding supplies and starving out the "powers that be." And thus, if only the people and their representatives are firm and united, Hongkong can assert its will in Downing Street, can refuse to be any longer burdened with incumbrances of the unsatisfactory type of the present Colonial Treasurer, and can rid itself of all the nuisances that form such a constant source of astonishment and indignation. The Legislative Council, Governor Robinson says, will probably not meet again until the three arrives for the discussion of next year's Estimates. In the meantime, the Unofficials will be able—if only they are willing—to have their differences, bury their quarrels, and unite on a sound and firm policy for the next session. The threatening condition of the Colony's finances gives them good ground to work on, and if they do not achieve great results, the fault will be their own.

TELEGRAMS.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.
LONDON, March 23rd.
The Registration Bill is the first measure in the programme of Lord Rosebery's Government.

MORE ANNEXING IN AFRICA.
British Sovereignty has been proclaimed over Pondoland.

"THE GRAND OLD MAN."
A catarrh has formed on Mr. Gladstone's eye, but his health is otherwise better. The election of Mr. Chamberlain has invited him to resign his seat; but attendance in Parliament will depend on the state of his health.
He has expressed the opinion that the conflict between the two Houses of Parliament will shortly necessitate a conclusive verdict from the country.

THE CHINESE AND THE UNITED STATES.

March 23rd.
The Foreign Committee of the United States Senate is discussing the new Chinese Treaty, which deals with the superseding of the *Exclusion Acts* to permit the restricted admission of Chinese into the United States.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * **EASTER MONDAY** being a public holiday there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

It is said that an antidote to opium (permanence of potency) has been discovered by Dr. Moor, of New York.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer *Hiroshima Maru* left Singapore yesterday for this port, and may be expected about the 30th inst.

Mr. NEWBICK at Art Gallery—Well, I see they've got nearly every statue here but that there "statue quo" I've heard so much about.

We are advised by the General Agent of the Canadian Pacific Co. that the *St. Lawrence* of the *Empress of India* arrived at New York yesterday, the 23rd inst.

The *Formosa* tea-season has opened. The Douglas Company's steamers are now carrying large loads of tea from the mainland to work upon the Tamsui plantations.

THE U.S. man-of-war *Concealer*, arrived here yesterday from Manila to refit, preliminary to sailing for the Behring Sea. She was towed over to Kowloon dock this morning.

LOUIS KOSUTH, the famous Hungarian patriot, whose death was reported in our issue of Thursday last, became totally blind a few weeks ago from a severe attack of influenza.

The Governor-General of Indo-China, M. Charavet, accompanied by M. de Lalande, Calan, President of Council, and *advis*, arrived here from Saigon in the *Salade* on Thursday last.

The *Mission* steam-ship *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

The *Centurion* battleship, which was commissioned at Portsmouth on 14th ult. by Captain E. S. Pore to relieve the *Impetuous* as flagship on the China Station, has a complement of 630 officers and men.

Berlin Blat—You're doing now, old chap?

Romeo Footlights—I'm supporting Miss Belvedere, the tragedienne!

Berlin Blat—Shake! So was I!

A REGULAR Convocation of Cathay Chapter, No. 1105, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

THE American cruiser *Baltimore*, at present the flagship of Admiral Sherry, and now at Yokohama, will shortly make a short visit to Shanghai, Amoy and Hongkong. The officers of the new flagship have been social lions among the "Yaps."

The following appointments are officially announced from Washington: Mr. John B. East, of Oregon, to be United States Minister to Siam; Mr. Thomas R. Jernighan, of North Carolina, Consul-General at Shanghai; and Mr. D. Kemper, of Virginia, Consul at Amoy.

The coal market, not so long ago a scene of considerable animation, owing to shortness of stocks, is now said to be slack. We believe that "slack" is a technical expression that may be applied to a lot of the so-called "best coal" now sold to private residents.

It seems strange that a bird will sit on a roost and sleep all night without falling off, but the explanation is simple. The tendon of the leg of a bird that roosts is so arranged that when the leg is bent at the knee the claws are bound to contract, and thus hold with a sort of death grip the limb around which they are placed.

The final order in the *Camel-Diamond* collision case was made in Singapore on the 14th inst. by Mr. Justice Law, the owners of the latter steamer being ordered to pay the owners of the *Camel* \$4,572.71, with interest at 5 per cent. from August 15th, 1892, to April 14th, 1894. The original order against the *Diamond* was over \$51,000.

The troopship *Tamar* left Portsmouth on the afternoon of February 15th for Hongkong with a few military drafts and new crews and supernumeraries for the *Scout*, *Swift*, *Porpoise*, *Flammarion*, and *Rattler*, on the China Station. The *Tamar* will call at Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said, Suez, Aden, Colombo, and Singapore, returning to Portsmouth on June 1st with the paid-off crews of the *Porpoise*, *Rattler*, and *Flammarion*.

We learn that Mr. Edwin Macleod, of the eminent firm of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and late Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, is expected here by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Thames* on Monday. In the interests of the community we are glad of this, as it will give the Hon. J. J. Kewick the opportunity to be desired opportunity of thoroughly clearing himself, in a court of law or elsewhere, from the most serious charges that could possibly be brought against a public man and which were so forcibly and emphatically denounced by Mr. Macleod in his capacity as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce at that memorable general meeting of two years ago, and which Mr. Kewick up to date has never publicly refuted. But something will have to be done now, or the Hongkong community will know the reason why. One of these two representatives will have to take a great deal of back and explain a lot for "public information" as the Government Gazette expresses it—or retire forever from public life in Hongkong. Therefore we await "Toss's" advent with more than ordinary interest.

The following telegram has been received from Rumb by the local Secretary in Singapore of the Rumb Australian Gold Mining Company, Ltd.:—

12th March, 1894.
"Rough cleaning up of Battery yielded 135 lb. amalgam, estimated quantity of more crushed being 350 tons."

"We have gone through leaden casing 12 lb. in west cross-cut, Bahr's Cross."

"The above return of amalgam, says the *Free Press*, would roughly indicate a 1 per cent. percentage of gold to amalgam, somewhere close on 200 ounces of gold from the 20,000 tons crushed, or say in dollars at present rate of exchange about \$7,700 for the rough clean up. This of course does not include the gold still on the compound, which is only really ready for the completion of each crushing. When the new amalgam is ready, the crushing machinery is disabled, and the amalgam is taken to the mill, and stamps are working again, the millers at Rumb will doubtless display a substantial percentage increase."

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"You know," said he, "that red hair is the result of a surplus of iron in the system. This is what imparts the vigor, the great vitality, the overflowing and thoroughly healthy animal life that runs through the veins of the ruddy-haired, and this strong iron in all their emotions renders them more intense in all their emotions than their more lowly-colored fellow-men."

The excess of iron is also the cause of freckles on the peculiarly clear, white skin, which always accompanies red hair. The skin is so abnormally sensitive to the action of the sun's rays, which not only bridge out the little brown spots in abundance, but also burn like a mustard plaster, producing a queer, creepy sensation, as if the skin was writhed up. See?"

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THE Smoking Concert Club's entertainment at the City Hall to-night promises to be well up to the average, which is saying a good deal.

THE Indo-China Co.'s Manila liner *Yuenyang*, which has been engaged in the Philippines trade for a long time past, cleared at the Harbour Office to-day for Tientsin direct.

OWING to the absence of Inspector Stanton, on a year's leave of absence, Sergeant Baker, No. 10, has been promoted to the rank of Acting Inspector, while Acting-Sergeant Gillies becomes full Sergeant.

MADE—Daring, what is the star of the evening, now?

CLAUDE (absent-mindedly)—Miss Filiter of the Lyric Company!

(They no longer speak.)

HIS Excellency Major Horta e Costa, the new Governor of Macao, arrived here by the French mail steamer *Salade* on Thursday evening and left for the Holy City at 7.30 a.m. to-day in the Portuguese gunboat *Bengo*.

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MAURICE DEJAN DE LA BATIE, the acting French Consul-General at Shanghai may, it is said, have promoted this summer to fill that office permanently. He has done long and faithful service in the diplomatic corps of the Republic.

THE Admiralty have decided to draft into the Navy fifty junior officers and 500 men of the Royal Naval Reserve, to be enrolled and serve on for pension. This is to be tried as an experiment in view of the *personnel* of the Navy being 10,000 men short of the requirements as gauged by the existing material.

THE London Lyrics are performing "Charley's Aunt" in the Canton Club to-night, and will no doubt give the residents of Shamone a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment. On Monday night the Lyrics will give their farewell show in Hongkong, when Arthur Roberts' burlesque "In Town" will be produced, and it ought to draw a full house and prove a marked success. The Company will leave for Shanghai on Tuesday.

ACCORDING to a telegram received in London from Buenos Ayres, that pious fraud Jabez Balfour now offers to publish the revelations threatened in the recent interview with him. His statement, he says, will disclose his commercial dealings in England, and will show the public how the losses connected with them were sustained. The appeals he made to "Argentine justice" are having their effect, for the native press begins to oppose his extradition. He has commenced a suit against the British Consul for violation of the abstraction of certain documents. The Free Association says:—Unless some unforeseen circumstances arise, as the conditions of extradition from Argentina, Detective Inspector Tombridge and Detective Sergeant Craggs, of Scotland Yard, may be expected to reach England, with Jabez Balfour in custody, at the end of March or the beginning of April.

THE *Daily Chronicle* comments upon the recent North Borneo meeting as follows:—"If Rajah Brooke really had it in his mind to develop Sarawak into a great kingdom, the British North Borneo shareholders yesterday, disturbed by his dream, there was practical unanimity against his proposal to take over the chartered territory of 30,000 square miles, and some pointed suggestions were made about trying to buy up the work of a dozen years at the price of old iron. Considering the history of Sarawak, however, it was rather too bad of the chairman of the meeting to suggest that the Rajah could be merely holding up his hand to summon 10,000 of them, who would do his bidding with pleasure. In the conflict with the head-hunters and raiders of North Borneo the Company have done something of the kind themselves. One of the best strokes of business yesterday was the election of Mr. Cowless a director."

LEUNG KAN-CHO is the euphonious appellation of an alleged Chinese passenger-broker who was charged before Mr. Woodhouse at the Police Court this morning with carrying a couple of his countrymen carrying business at Pava West, out of \$220. Mr. J. Grist (Mr. C. D. Wilkinson's office) prosecuted, and Mr. J. F. Reece appeared for the defence. From the evidence adduced it appeared that the defendant, who lately returned from California, received over \$2,000 from the complainants as part of the bargain-money to be advanced for the procurement of passages, by the *Para* yesterday to San Francisco, for 100 Chinese steerage passengers. The passengers turned up as expected, but had to come ashore again as the broker and the tickets were not forthcoming. After landing, a search was made for the broker who, when found, said there had been some hitch at the Chinese bank interested in the business and he therefore took the complainants to that institution to be reimbursed. It turned out mere waste of time for the banker wouldn't pay up, and as Sergeant Baker happened to pass the establishment at the time he was called in and took the broker into custody. The case was remanded until Wednesday, but in two sittings of \$2,500 each being allowed.

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Tiddies—How do you like that skirt-dancer? Old Sack—She's a regular knee plus ultra!

LATEST society gem from Singapore as per the *Straits Times* of the 14th inst.—Yesterday was ladies' day at the Singapore Golf Club, and numerous ladies played. It is being suggested by more ardent golfers that the Club should give a lady's prize, with points to be allowed for the best dressed lady. However charming are the costumes at present in use, they are not, it is argued, always golfing costumes; and it is urged that the Club should try to encourage the wearing of shirts with high boots or gaiters. The President would probably have, in such case, the duty to decide what amount of merit should be credited to each costume and what number of strokes would be allowed. Or possibly it might be better to divide that responsibility among a Committee."

A NUMBER of letters has reached this office referring in particularly strong terms to the thing that is set out in yesterday's *Daily Press* as an impartial criticism of the performance of "Rob Roy" given in the Theatre Royal City Hall, last Wednesday evening; but as the Editor of this journal was personally interested in that performance we prefer not to publish those communications, at the same time fully appreciating the good intentions of the writers. It would not be good taste to do so, nor the etiquette of *decent* and *honest* journalism; but were it otherwise, we really should not consider the game worth the candle. An alleged critic—save the mark—who talks of Rob Roy, addressing the audience, actors speak and play to each other, they don't address the audience;—reproves the lady who played Helen Macgregor because she was altogether lacking in a knowledge of the *brogue*—whatever that may mean;—and says that the "one redeeming feature of the acting" was the ridiculous burlesque Mr. Henry Kitts made of the character of Major Galbraith—"Mr. Henry Kitts surpassed himself!" says the *Daily Press* but he omits to add "in other words"—is an arrant jock, unworthy of serious notice. Every person who appears on a public stage lays himself or herself open to criticism and has no right to complain how severe that criticism may be if it is fair, conscientious and intelligent; but the notice now under consideration is not criticism of any kind—it is the spiteful barking of a mangy cur, ignorant as he is contemptible, and it is even unworthy of the "rag" which gave it publicity.

THE fifth annual general meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at noon yesterday (Good Friday) in the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. Geo. Fenwick presided and there were also present Messrs. W. Parlane, A. Rodger (Consulting Committee), T. Arnold, (Auditor), W. G. Winterburn and others.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the statement of accounts now before you as read. Throughout the year we have been fairly well employed and I trust the result will be considered satisfactory. You will observe in the accounts that ample allowance has been made for depreciation of machinery, that Property accounts have been written down and a few useful additions have been made to our buildings during the year. Still, finding that our workshops are occasionally overcrowded, plans have been prepared for a new building which will be fitted with a large travelling crane and a few modern appliances for more efficiently and economically carrying out the work. Other improvements will also be made during this year. A plan of the boiler-works and drawings of the machinery, part of which has already been ordered, are on the table, so that any shareholder may see what is contemplated; the boiler-works will be commenced in two or three weeks. I have calculated the total cost of these and other improvements which will be made during the year at about twelve thousand dollars. Fortunately we had increased our stock considerably during the year when exchange was higher, now of course it has to be maintained at the present low rates, and I do not think anyone can tell whether we shall see the improvement in the currency in the near future. During the past year I was ordered home by my medical adviser, and I must draw your attention to the very able manner in which Mr. Winterburn conducted the business during my absence; the Consulting Committee have also rendered much assistance during the year. In conclusion, I may say that at present we are well employed in all departments and that there is every prospect of a continuance of good trade during this year. There being no further remarks to make, before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may ask.

No questions being asked, the report and accounts were unanimously adopted and Messrs. Parlane and Rodger were re-elected members of the Consulting Committee, while Mr. Arnold was re-elected auditor for the current year.

That concluded the business.

CRICKET.

ROYAL ARTILLERY v. UNITED SERVICE.

The above match was played at Happy Valley yesterday and resulted in a win for the R.A. in one innings by 53 runs.

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Correspondence.

THE Editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

SIR,—In your issue of the 6th September last you published a letter on the subject of the management of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, and about that time you offered some remarks on houses which I "sincerely" say I have many other principal things that they are associated with expense to those who pay the

price of piper and have to pay for the trappings of royalty. It may well be, in these democratic days, that some of us prefer the bread which poise to the divinity erroneously supposed by courtiers to hedge a king. I take it that shareholders in the above company would prefer more dividend and less decoration.

Let the shareholders insist upon the Home Agency being closed; and let them furthermore insist on being informed in detail where and how the capital of the Company is invested, and what rate of interest it is bearing.

It is rumored that the coming dividend will be only \$14 or \$15 and, if this be so, might it not be well for the shareholders to consider whether the capital of the Company, put out at an ordinary rate of interest, would not suffice to pay as much as this, without the fostering care of princely guardians?

The reproduction of the letter referred to would help to keep before the eyes of the shareholders at the approaching meeting the necessity of doing away absolutely with the Home Agency.

Yours faithfully,
A SHAREHOLDER.

Shanghai, 8th March, 1894.

[This letter reached us after the meeting of shareholders had been held, and it has been kept over as we intended making a few comments on the Company's report and statement of accounts. Those comments, which have been unavoidably delayed, will appear in our next issue, so we publish our correspondent's communication as a sort of introduction.—Ed., *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

THE BANDMANN SCANDAL.

The subjoined correspondence, which speaks for itself, and which we could add to *ad. lib.* as regards Louis Bandmann and many others

which I discovered my husband's crime, and which enabled me to bring him in some measure to justice, and I once more sincerely thank you. I now leave my care to the judgment of my professional brethren, to the public, and to the many friends I have had the good fortune to make in many lands on our tour round the world.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
MILICENT BANNMANN-PALMER.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

The following is the report presented to the shareholders at the fourth annual meeting to be held on Monday, the 26th February, 1894, at the Cannon Street Station Hotel, London, E.C. at 12.30 p.m.:

The Directors beg to submit to the shareholders a statement of the affairs of the Bank for the year ending 31st December, 1893. The net profit, after deducting all expenses at Head Office, Branches, and Agencies, including interest on Fixed Deposits and other charges, amounts to £18,897 17 7d.

Unfortunately, however, not only has this profit on the Working Account of the year been absorbed by the untoward course of exchange, consequent on the continued serious fall in the price of silver, and by a decline in the value of investments and advances made when the concern was a Trust and Loan Company, and before it became a Bank, but an additional loss of £1,672 0 11d. in the deficiency of loss in £1,672 0 11d. In these figures a fully sufficient sum has been provided to cover depreciation in assets in this country, and to meet accretions in loss by exchange on money which has been brought home during the year; but the assets still in the East continue subject to the vicissitudes of silver, and although, taken all round, the securities held here, on the money advanced, a rate of interest in excess of the rate paid on deposits, and are all of a sound character, it would not be possible at this time to realize the majority of them without submitting to a great sacrifice (which fortunately the liabilities of the Bank do not render necessary), and it is hoped that by continuing the treatment which has enabled the Bank to largely reduce its outstandings during the year, there will be an ultimate recovery in value which will greatly improve the position of its affairs.

As indicated at the last general meeting the Directors have made a Call of £1 per share, which has been paid satisfactorily so far as the London Register is concerned; but difficulties have been experienced in procuring payment from certain shareholders in China, against whom it has been necessary to institute proceedings.

The Board have deemed it in the interests of the Bank to bring Mr. Thos. Pym from India, where he has been in charge of the branches in that country, and to appoint him Chief Manager in London; and his great experience, combined with that of the Managers we have now in charge of business in India, Hongkong, and China, lead the Board to entertain hopeful feelings regarding the prospects of the Bank in its exchange operations with these countries.

The directors, in relieving Mr. Pym of his duties in India, and Mr. H. D. Stewart, who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The auditors, Messrs. Turgood, Young, Bishop and Clarke, retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board,
CHAS. H. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE FAR EAST.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yarra*, from Marseilles, March 24th.—To Shanghai: Mr. Alder, Mr. Grant, Mr. Deacon, Mr. E. Aspin, To Hongkong: Mr. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Beuchamp.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Natal*, from Marseilles, March 18th.—To Yokohama: Miss Burton, Mr. Inner, To Shanghai: Mr. Mrs. and Miss Gordon, Mr. H. M. Lewis. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Miss Andrews.

Per P. & O. steamer *Ballaarat*, from London, February 15th.—To Yokohama: Mr. G. Harding, Mr. Murray and child, Mr. and Miss Fellowes, Mr. G. C. Austin, To Shanghai: Miss Maggie Bell, To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crocker, Mr. J. Hastings, Mr. J. G. Bruce, Mr. F. W. Fisk.

Per P. & O. steamer *Oceana*, from London, February 23rd.—To Yokohama, via Bombay: Mr. and Mrs. Bland, Mr. H. Robinson.

Per P. & O. steamer *Victoria*, from London, March 2nd.—To Kobe: Miss Green, Miss Skinner, To Shanghai: Mr. A. J. Brown, Mr. E. White, Mr. A. Donald, Mr. W. S. Campbell. To Manila: Mr. J. W. Wood.

Per P. & O. steamer *Arctida*, from London, March 16th.—To Kobe: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin, To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. E. Calver and child, To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Laurie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Allen, Miss Walkinshaw.

From Brindisi.—To Hongkong: Mr. H. Tomkins.

Per P. & O. steamer *Valinta*, from London, March 20th.—To Shanghai: Mrs. McEwen, four children, governess, and maid, Mrs. and Miss H. Hat, From Brindisi.—To Shanghai: Mrs. Rows, three children, and maid.

Per Canadian Pacific steamer *Empress of India*, from Vancouver, April 2nd.—To Shanghai: Mr. A. H. Heath, Mr. J. F. Rodewald. To Hongkong: Mr. A. J. Carill.

NORTH FORMOSA.

Tamsui, 18th March, 1894.

The ordinary dullness reigns here, no business being done, as usual at this slack time of the year. An explosion took place at the new gunpowder manufactory yesterday morning, completely destroying the greater part of the building, eight unfortunate Chinese being sent heavenwards without notice. I am told the shock was felt at Hobe, a distance of about twelve miles. The cause of the explosion is of course not known.

The Railway people are busy on the Tamsui-Kelung line, reducing curves and steep grades. This means that the post passengers have to get out and make the best of their way from one train to the other in eight or ten inches of mud, elbowing the coolies that are working, and as it is nearly always raining in the direction of the Kelung hills, one can imagine what a trip to or from Kelung will be like.

The officials have handed over the working of the Kelung coal mines to a syndicate of five native Hong to work. It is said that no other payment beyond supplying the Government steamers with all the coal they require at a very reduced rate is to be made for this concession. The agreement is to stand for five years. None of the machinery is to be used. Chinese labor, it is to be allowed to run and go to sleep, lying in all directions.

The military officials are going ahead with the military road now under construction between Hobe and Kelung. It follows the low land some distance to the north of Hobe,

then strikes over the hills, passing at the back of the North Hill through some of the finest scenery in the north of Formosa, and that is saving a good deal. The Sulphur Spring Club building is approaching completion, but work has been delayed by the rains; however, another month with anything like decent weather should see the Club in full swing.

The Count and Countess Von Butler are leaving on shortly for home on a visit. The bachelors of Tamsui are giving a farewell dinner to them at the Club on the 21st. The loss this means to our military community cannot well be explained and I feel certain that each individual member will miss them both very much and will gladly welcome their return at an early date.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

Foochow, 17th March, 1894.

A fortnight ago we quoted the price of gold leaf at \$45 per tael weight. It has since fallen 50 cents per tael.

The Viceroy attended by several mandarins, will send the bill outside the East-gate of the city to-day to worship the heavens.

The Provincial Treasurer has discovered that four magistrates in the province have been helping themselves to monies belonging to the revenue and has dismissed them in consequence.

Dealers in sugar-cane have had a very bad time of it for some years past, but have been making large profits this season owing to a good demand from the Northern ports.

The proprietors of native medicine shops here have subscribed nearly \$1,000 towards the Northern Famine relief fund. This benevolent act has been publicly notified by the Provincial Treasurer.

We hear of a tiger, shot by natives in the neighborhood of Kien-shing-fan, which has for some time been exhibited in a house over the Long Bridge at a charge of a cash per head, has at length been slaughtered and the flesh is being sold at 25 cents per pound.

The Min magistrate has posted a notice directing those of the poor who wish to partake of the bounty to be distributed by order of the Dowager Empress on the occasion of her next birthday, to send in their names and addresses to the Min magistracy office within a fortnight.

A notice has been posted outside the building of a benevolent institution known as Yik-ang-tong, intimating that the number of children in the institution had lately become so numerous that they must part with some of the older ones; therefore respectable people in want of young servants would be accommodated. The charity is of the nature of the London Foundling Hospital.—*Echo*.

NOTES FROM SIAM.

Bangkok, March 14th, 1894.

On Monday afternoon a sampan containing seven Chinese men had just arrived by the *Pra-Nang*, by some means swamped or overboard. None of the men were seen again, although diligent search was made.

The supercargo of the *Schwab* has just handed a *cashuay* of 2400 francs to Pilot Jackson, on behalf of the late owners of the *Y. B. Say*, as a "token of their esteem"—or perhaps gratitude would be a better word, seeing that they got something like 700,000 francs out of the boat, whereupon to replace their rubbishy little craft.

In response to the mysterious invitation advertised by us in previous issues, a small number of Danish residents assembled at the Oriental Hotel on Monday evening. What they met to discuss we cannot say, as they preserve a sphinx-like silence, being bound by unprintable vows of secrecy, but we believe that it had some connection with a petition sent to Denmark last September, asking for the transfer of the Consulate-General from its present holder to some other resident.

Dr. Hesse, of the Royal Museum, has just returned from a three weeks' collecting tour in the Siam provinces of Petchaburi and Pran, on the western side of the Gulf. Although suffering seriously from fever, and hampered in his movements owing to the well-founded fears of dacoits shown by the villagers, he managed to obtain twenty or thirty specimens of birds hitherto unrepresented in the Museum, besides animals of various descriptions. The mountains at Petchaburi he describes as limestone, and not of volcanic origin, as Moutou says.

Mr. French, H.B.M. Consul, is arranging to go home on a year's leave, in about a month's time. It is probable that Mr. Archer, vice-consul at Chienkung—who is expected to depart by the *Havila*—will take up the acting appointment, leaving Mr. Beckett, vice-consul here, to relieve Mr. Stringer at Chienkung. It is six years since Mr. French had a trip home, and it is not improbable that the precedents established in the cases of Mr. Newman and Mr. Gould will be followed by the Foreign Office, and a better-paid position elsewhere offered to him as a reward for his twenty years' diligent service in Siam.

March 15th.

There will be the annual elephant hunt at Ayutthia next month. It will be well worth seeing.

We learn with much pleasure that the offer of 2,400 francs made to Pilot Jackson on behalf of the late owners of the *Y. B. Say*, referred to in yesterday's issue was indignantly refused.

We thought that Bangkok already contained representatives of every nationality except Maori and Tierra del Fuego, but we have now to note a novelty in the shape of two Coyotes. They attract even more curiosity than the *Thiathas* who lately dropped in here.

The arbitrators in the dispute between the Royal Railway Department and Mr. Murray Campbell have decided "two of the eight or nine points laid before them. They have awarded the contractor for the Kiat Railway Co. 60,000 on his claims for over-retention on work done and material delivered, and Ten, 50,000 on another ground. The other questions—involving some Ten, 500,000—will still be unsettled.—*Siam Observer*.

THE WAGGING WORLD.

"Good business," murmured the newspaper proprietor as he stood at his private telephone, in his pyjamas. "Better send down Jones to see if he can pick up anything fresh."

"What's the matter?" queried his wife, sleepily.

"Only some murders, my dear," answered the newspaper proprietor, crawling back into bed.

"What a bother that they should ring you up," remarked his wife.

"Damn it!" said Jones, as he pulled up the collar of his great-coat preparatory to a ten-mile drive.

"This ought to mean a shrip for me for certain," pleasantly remarked the policeman (who had captured the murderer) to the chemist who was finding up his wounded finger.

"Why did I do it? Why did I do it? I was mad, mad!" said the murderer, as he tried to scrape the dry blood from his hands on to the wall.

"Oh, my babies! my poor babies," wailed the wretched mother as she bent over her murdered little ones.

"Because the poor little darlings had kept him awake for five nights, and he had to woe him all day, as if that was any reason! The brute must be hanged," shrieked the general public.

"I can nearly understand it," said the man who suffered from insomnia.

"Evidently insane," said the doctor.

"Golly," said the foreman of the jury.

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Egypt is about to submit to the European Powers the project of forming a reservoir for storing the water of the Nile, and during the season when the river is at its lowest, utilizing the water for irrigation, thus adding enormously to the wealth of the land by extending its cultivable area.

M. Poyssel, founder of the famous *Trastevere* in Paris, died some weeks ago, leaving a large fortune, amassed through the success of the beer halls. He bequeathed over \$200,000 to be divided among twelve old customers of his first establishment, whose positions started him on the highway to prosperity.

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